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In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
Achtermann et al. : Todd, Gregory

Serial No.: 09/438,436 : Group Art Unit: 2157

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: IBM Corporation

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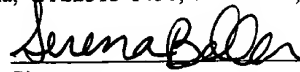
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 26, 2003 (Paper No. 6), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 26, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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